

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

DEPARTURES.

OCTOBER 15.—Suez, brig, 220 tons, Captain Jones, for Kaituma via Newcastle, in ballast.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.

THIS DAY.—Culloden, for Ceylon; Rosalind, for San Francisco; Tahiti, for Ceylon; for Hobart Town; for Melbourne; for Launceston; for Taranaki; for London; for Australia; for Wellington.

COASTERS INWARDS.

OCTOBER 15.—Magnet, 17, Melbourne, from Port Macquarie, with 61,000 shingles; William the Fourth, steamer, 64, Sullivan, from Wollongong, with 60 bags potatoes, 120 kegs butter, 10 calves, 6 pigs, and 4 tons bark; Waterwitch, 27, Hobart, from Melbourne, with 24 tons potatoes; Mary Ann, 15, Devonport, from Newcastle, with 15 tons coals.

COASTERS OUTWARDS.

OCTOBER 15.—Anna Maria, 49, Bonney, for Newcastle, in ballast; Magnet, 17, Melbourne, for Port Macquarie, with shingles; Bride, 19, Bowden, for the Hawkebury, with sundries; William the Fourth, steamer, 64, Sullivan, for Wollongong, with sundries; Ebenezer, 50, Fremantle, for the Richmond, with sundries.

SHIPS' MAIL.

Mails will close at the Post Office, as follows:—
For LONDON.—By the Earl Grey, on Saturday evening, at six.
For SAN FRANCISCO.—By the Balmoral, this evening, at six.
For SHANGHAI.—By the Lady Peel, on Friday evening, at six.
For ADELPHI.—By the Velocity, this evening, at six.

PORT PHILIP.

ARRIVAL.—October 4, Jane, schooner, 29 tons, Meadwood, master, from Hobart Town, 2nd instant; Helen, brig, 109 tons, Macarthur, master, from Hobart Town 2nd instant; 7, Shamrock, steamer, 200 tons, Gilmore, commander, from Sydney 2nd instant; Ariel, schooner, 49 tons, from Melbourne, from Circular Head 3rd instant; Circassian, schooner, 112 tons, Smith, master, from Hobart Town 1st October.
DEPARTURE.—October 4, Victoria Packet, for Hobart Town; Imperial, for Adelaide; Brothers, for Circular Head; Fairy, for Circular Head; Princess Helena, for Ceylon.
Fears are entertained as to the safety of the schooner Albert, Captain Bruhn. She was blown out to sea while lying at Circular Head about a month ago, and has not been heard of since.

The American ship Augustus Heard was expected to leave Hobart Town for this port on the 8th instant, and may be now hourly expected.

The Brilliant is laid on at Geelong to load for Melbourne, being the first wool ship of the season.

The ship spoken by the William arrived at Melbourne was the Phoenix, not the Grecian, as formerly reported in the Port Phillip papers.

The Ganges, Connel, for Sydney, sailed from Gravesend June 27th. The Northumberland, for Port Phillip, and James Gibb, for Adelaide, cleared out on the 28th June.

DIARY.

MEMORANDA TO WEST PUBLICATION.
October. rise 5.10 sets 4.40 moon 1.16 P.M. 20th inst. 21.

THE Sydney Morning Herald.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1850.

"Born to no Master, of no Sect am I."

CONVICTS FROM VAN DIEMEN'S LAND.

It may be remembered, that on the 27th of August last, the honorable and learned member for Sydney, Mr. WENTWORTH, in moving his resolutions respecting the reduction of the military force in this colony, and the manumission of convicts in Van Diemen's Land, made some statements on the latter subject which attracted our earnest attention, and caused us to express feelings of indignation and alarm.

These statements were made on authority which he said he could not doubt, and were to the effect that in the course of the coming year, the LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR of Van Diemen's Land was to grant twelve thousand tickets of leave, the holders of which, under good conduct, would be entitled to conditional pardons in one year; that in some of these tickets there was a condition which required the worst of their holders to quit the colony;—the object being to transfer these worthless characters from Van Diemen's Land to New South Wales; and, moreover, that there was a probability that in the course of the ensuing twelvemonth we should have nine thousand of these people cast upon us, who would fill the country with robberies and murders.

In commenting upon these astounding representations, we took notice of the guarded and qualified terms in which they were answered by the COLONIAL SECRETARY, which, as regarded the main fact, we considered to be a confirmation rather than a contradiction.

There can be no manner of doubt that Mr. WENTWORTH's speech, the COLONIAL SECRETARY's reply, and the special prominence given to both by our own strictures, produced a powerful effect on the public mind, and were much of by the pro-transportationists. They appear already to have attracted the attention of Sir Wm. DENISON, for we find that, three weeks after the day upon which the speech was delivered, His Excellency caused a document to be prepared by the COMPTROLLER-GENERAL of Convicts, for the express purpose of setting the people of this colony right, where Mr. WENTWORTH had set them wrong.

In a note addressed to this Government, Sir WILLIAM says, "In order to enable you to lay before the Council the real facts of the case with regard to the convicts in the colony, and their distribution, I forward to you a Return, which I shall be obliged to you to make public, of the condition and prospects of the convict population here." The communication was accordingly laid upon the table by the COLONIAL SECRETARY, and ordered by the Council to be printed, on the 2nd instant, the day upon which the Council was prorogued. Thus this important correction of an important error came, not exactly a day or two late, but just as the fair-day was closing—too late to answer the end for which it would have been admirably adapted in the discussion of the great question on that day disposed of.

From this paper we learn how many convicts and exiles left Van Diemen's Land during the last three years, how

many are likely to leave the island in the course of next year, and under what regulations tickets of leave and conditional pardons are granted.

And first as to the migrations of the past. The following is a summary of the COMPTROLLER-GENERAL'S Return.

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1849..... 717..... 396..... 1,139

TOTALS. 3,308..... 1,421..... 4,729

The first thing to be noticed in these figures is the fact, that the whole migration of convicts and exiles from Van Diemen's Land, during the last three years, was little more than half the number which Mr. WENTWORTH gave us to expect for the year 1851. The next is the still more remarkable fact, that the migration of both classes, instead of increasing to an alarming extent, was actually on the decrease! The exiles who left in 1848 were fewer than those who left in 1847, by forty per cent.; and the number who left in 1849 were fewer than those who left in 1848, by twenty-seven per cent. The conditionally pardoned who left in 1848 were fewer than those who left in the previous year, by thirty per cent.; and those who left in 1849 were fewer than those who left in 1848, by twenty per cent.

We have now to see how many of these convict migrations were directed to our own shores. The total number of each class who left Van Diemen's Land during the years 1847, 8, and 9, went as follows:—

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